

Hurricane Sandy

Update #6

October 30, 2012

2 p.m.

The final internal tropical advisory for Hurricane Sandy was issued at 9 p.m. Monday night. Current weather conditions are clear and calm and there is no more tropical weather in the forecast at this time.

Overall, there was minimal property damage on Ocracoke Island from Sandy. Six homes and three businesses on Ocracoke had water enter the structure. Flooding was minimal on the mainland, with several low-lying properties in Engelhard seeing high water. No homes were affected on the mainland. In addition, no injuries were reported in all of Hyde County from Hurricane Sandy.

Water is still standing in several low-lying areas in Ocracoke village and Engelhard. Citizens are still urged to be cautious when walking or driving.

Transportation on NC 12 on the north end of Ocracoke is currently compromised due to a 400-yard section of dune line that has been washed out. Crews from NC DOT are working to fix the problem.

The Hatteras-Ocracoke route remains suspended due to limited transportation on NC 12 at the north end of Ocracoke. NC Ferry Division officials reported Rollinson's Channel is navigable, but service is pending safe transportation on NC 12. Hyde County emergency personnel are communicating with the necessary agencies to evaluate the situation. The ferry route will likely be activated once NC 12 is deemed safe.

Sound routes are running a limited schedule today and will resume normal operations tomorrow. At this time, only residents, essential personal and infrastructure-related personnel are allowed to enter Ocracoke. Residents must show re-entry tags to board the ferry. Tolls will be exempt for residents with re-entry tags at this time. There are no restrictions on leaving the island.

Today's routes for the Swan Quarter – Ocracoke ferries are as follows:

- Leaving Swan Quarter at 4 p.m

Today's routes for the Ocracoke-Cedar Island ferries are as follows:

- Leaving Cedar Island at 1 p.m.
- Leaving Ocracoke at 4 p.m.
- Leaving Cedar Island at 4 p.m.

Normal winter ferry schedules for sound routes will resume tomorrow.

The emergency ferry from Rodanthe to Stumpy Point has been activated and is running routes at this time. NC 12 is passable from Hatteras village to Rodanthe, but closed from Rodanthe north to the Bonner Bridge. The Bonner Bridge is also closed.

The National Park Service has closed beaches to vehicular access until further notice. Pedestrian access is not restricted. NPS officials also reported the Ocracoke Ponies survived the storm and are well.

Hyde Emergency officials are working with state and federal agencies to determine eligibility for individual and public assistance.

Air traffic at the Ocracoke Airport remains limited to government, military and emergency aircraft.

Hyde Transit is providing service for Ocracoke residents wishing to go to Washington NC tomorrow. The transit bus is scheduled to be on the island this evening, and will be leaving tomorrow on the 7 a.m. Swan Quarter ferry. To reserve a space, call Lorenzo Farrow at 944-1875

The Ocracoke Health Center is operating under normal business hours, but medications and services may be limited. Those with acute medical needs can call 928-SICK.

Ground operations for EMS resumed this morning at 8 a.m.

Early voting on Ocracoke Island has been rescheduled to Thursday at the Ocracoke Community Center.

Citizens utilizing private wells should take steps to disinfect water before drinking. Click here for specifics from Hyde County Health Department.

All Hyde County Convenience sites are operating on normal schedules. Click here for schedules.
http://www.hydecountync.gov/departments/solid_waste.php

Volunteers from the United Methodist Disaster Response team are waiting to assist Ocracoke residents with clean up. They also have supplies - including buckets, mops and cleaning solution - available free of charge. Those in need can call Tommy Gilbert at (252) 542-9453.

Hyde County District Court will convene as scheduled on October 31, at 9:30 a.m. Those that have difficulties traveling to Swan Quarter from Ocracoke and the Outer Banks are asked to call the Clerk of Court's office at (252) 926-4101 for further information.

Please tune in to local radio WOVV 90.1 FM on Ocracoke Island, or via the internet at WOVV.org, or check the [Hyde County Public Information Facebook](#) page for updates.

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